Characteristics of Apologetics

With your group, read Saint Ignatius of Antioch's letter to the Romans. Then answer the following questions.

1. Whom is the writer addressing?

2. Why is the writer writing?

3. What are the writer's concerns about the Christian faith?

4. What lesson is the writer teaching about the Christian faith?

5. What makes this writing typical of the apologetic style? Review article 9, "The Early Apologists," in the student book for an explanation of apologetic writing.

6. What passage in the letter most surprises you? Why?